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Airfield Under Construction near VIETMANS DORF Spotcheck (approx 1000 hrs on

25 Sep 52)

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1. Layout: See Appendix "A".

2. a) Boundaries of Construction Work

The line 1 at Appendix "A" shows the boundaries of the new project under construction.

b) The line 2 at Appendix "A" shows the area which has been cleared of trees.

c) The line 3 at Appendix "A" indicates the stretch which is being levelled out.

d) The spur railway line which is in course of being laid, is shown at point 4 at Appendix "A".

e) The proposed route for the HT cables supplying electric current from STEINFELD to the camp on completion, is shown at point 8 at Appendix "A". At the moment, power and lighting for the building project is supplied from points 5, 6 and 12 at Appendix "A".

f) Water for the building site is at present supplied from points 13 and 22 at Appendix "A".

g) Prepared timber, made from the trees felled on the original forest area, is supplied from 9-11 and 14 at Appendix "A".

3. Machinery and building materials:

a) The large excavator and railway lines which were previously reported as having arrived at VOGELSANG Railway station on 1 Aug 52, were brought to the building site on 20 Sep 52 by special Russian vehicles.

b) On 22 Sep 52, a train made up of 6 G-Wagen arrived at the railway station GROSS SCHOENBECK, carrying 1 mobile sawing machine and spare parts. Those were loaded [] and brought to the building site. [] This train was escorted by 4 officers and approx 30 ORs, the latter wearing black/black sbds with Engineer insignia.

c) Between 15-25 Sep 52, approx 50 railway trucks, loaded with railway sleepers, arrived at VOGELSANG railway station, where they were unloaded.

4. Progress of work as at 25 Sep 52:

a) The clearing and levelling of the area within the lines 3 at Appendix "A" has now progressed approx as far as where the road from VIETMANNSDORF to GROSS DOELLIN crosses the building area; approx one-third of the whole area.

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- b) The foundations of the railway spur line are now completed approx as far as where the road from GRUENEWALD to Kolonie KLEIN DOELLIN crosses the track. The laying of railway sleepers started at VOGELSANG on 22 Sep 52.
- c) The area measuring approx 150 x 50 m where the loading ramp will be built is now completely cleared of trees and roots. Loading equipment has, so far, not been erected.
- d) No progress has been noticed either at the proposed pumping station on the GROSSER GOLLIN SEE (point 30 at Appendix "A") or on the water supply pipe (7 at Appendix "A").
- e) No new buildings have been erected within the HQ area. The recently constructed building at 19 at Appendix "A" is being used as quarters for Engineer officers.
- f) Of the buildings for the German workers, so far 8 are completed and work on 12 others has been started.
- g) The foundations for 4 brick buildings, measuring approx 30 x 15 m at point 27 at Appendix "A" have been completed. Bricks and chalk were brought to this site from ZEHEDENICK on 20 Sep 52, but bricklaying has not yet started.

5. Future work planning:

- a) The large excavator which arrived from VOGELSANG on 20 Sep 52 (see 3(a) above) will be used for digging the area bounded by the line 3 at Appendix "A". The earth in this area will be removed down to a depth of 60 cm: the SOUTHERN half of the area which measures approx 80 m, will first be dug in its complete length. Completion date for digging of the SOUTHERN half of the area has been given as 1 Feb 1953. Afterwards, concreting to a depth of 60 cm will be started.
- b) The completion date fixed for the railway spur line (1 Oct 52) has not been possible owing to lack of transport to bring gravel for the track foundations and delays on deliveries of railway lines and sleepers. A new completion date has been set for 1 Dec 52.
- c) Work on accommodation buildings for Russian and German workers has been carried out to schedule. So far, these quarters have not been taken over in their entirety owing to a water shortage. Russian engineers are at present making test drillings in order to find wells in the area.

6. Buildings, offices and accommodation:

- a) The Russian HQ Area offices and buildings remain unchanged (see points 16-21 and 25 at Appendix "A").
- b) Quartering area for the Engineer troops is situated at points 31 and 32 at Appendix "A". Accommodation for Engineer officers is located at 18 and 19 at Appendix "A" (see also 4(f) above).
- c) The offices and accommodation for workers of the German BAU UNION are situated at 23 and 24 at Appendix "A".
- d) Germans employed on the railway spur line construction are quartered in buildings at 33 and 34 at Appendix "A".

7. Personnel:

- a) Russian Engineer Units: No change.

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SECRET CONTROL-U.S. OFFICIALS ONLYb) German civilian workers:

- i) German civilians employed on the building project number approx 1500. Only a few of these workers are quartered in the building (23 at Appendix "A"); the majority of them are billeted in VIETMANNSDORF, GROSSVAETER and GROSS DOELLIN and brought to and from the camp [] daily.

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- ii) Approx 2000 German civilians are employed on the construction of the railway spur line. They are accommodated at points 33 and 34 at Appendix "A".

8. Vehicles:

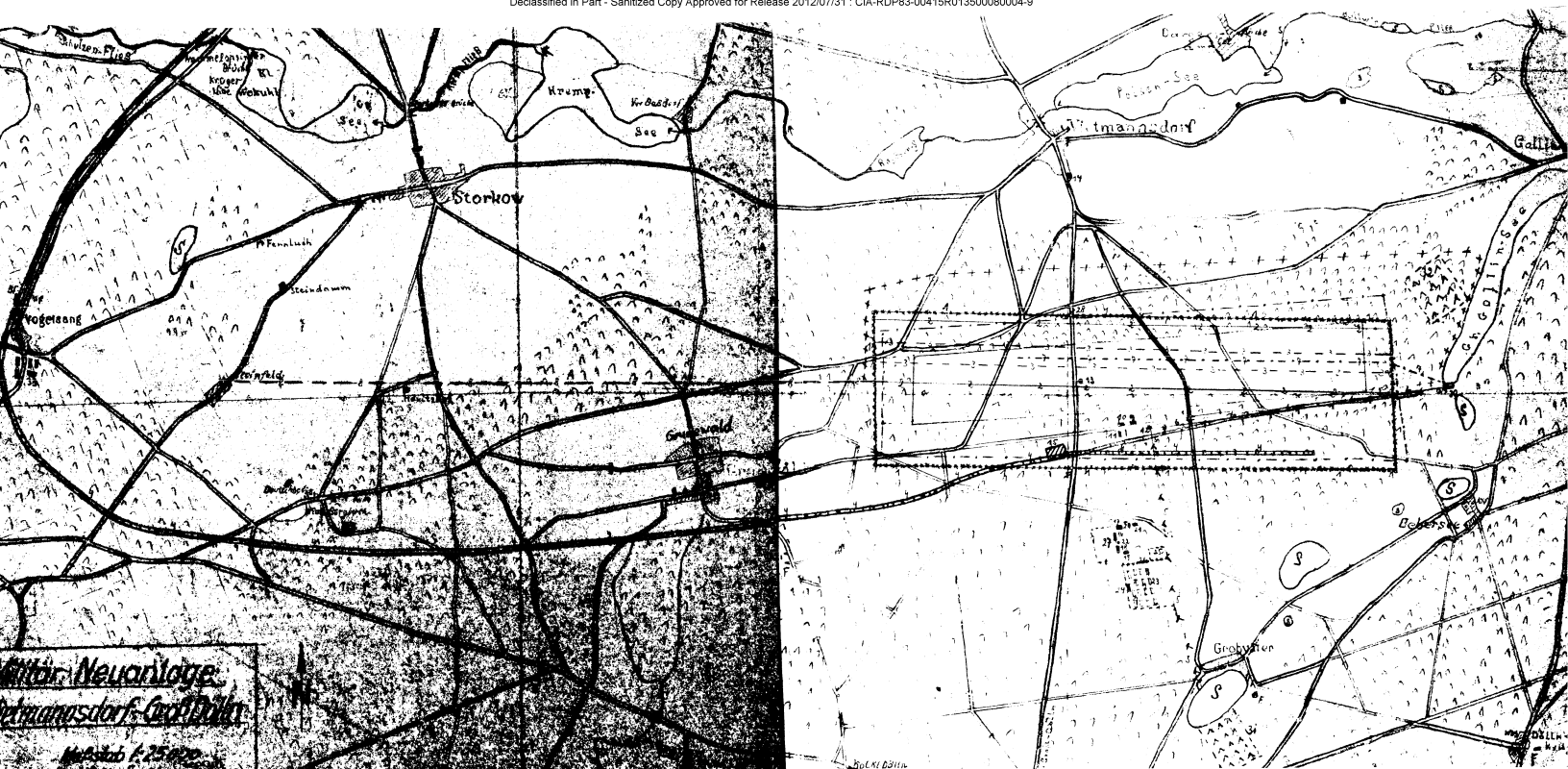
Most of the transport used on the building project is German, hired out to the Soviet Military authorities. It is estimated that the total of these is approx 80 [] and 20 cars. Further German hired transport is at present being looked for.

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Key to Appendix "A"

1. Barbed wire fence, approx 2.5 m high, around the building project.
2. Boundary of the area 4.5 km x 550 m, which has been cleared of trees.
3. Boundary of the area within (2) above, which is being levelled off.
4. Track of the railway spur line being built.
5. Electric cables from GROSSVAETER to transformer at point 12.
6. Electric cables from transformer to SOUTHERN point of GROSSER GOLLIN SEE.
7. Proposed water supply line from GROSSER GOLLIN SEE to camp.
8. Route of proposed permanent electric cables to Camp from STEINFELD.
9. Wooden barrack building, 70 m x 35 m, with two saw mills.
10. Woodworkers workshops, approx 50 x 25 m.
11. Mechanical workshops, approx 40 x 20 m.
12. Transformer house within the camp.
13. Well.
14. Saw mills, leased to Soviet military.
15. Loading ramp under construction.
16. Administrative buildings of the Soviet HQ.
17. Mess, kitchens and dining rooms etc.
18. Officers quarters.
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20. HQ guard house.
21. Well within HQ compound.
22. KONSUM and HQ shops.
23. 28 barrack blocks in course of construction.
24. Office of the BAU UNION.
25. Engineer unit vehicle park.
26. Fencing in between HQ compound and the German workers quarters.
27. Area in which foundations for 4 brick buildings are being sunk.
28. Double guards, black/black sbds, armed with machine carbines, at the NORTHERN entrance to the building site on the road VIETMANNSDORF/GROSS DOELLIN.
29. Double guards, black/black sbds, armed with machine carbines, at the SOUTHERN entrance to the building site on the road VIETMANNSDORF/GROSS DOELLIN.
30. Proposed water pump on the GROSSER GOLLIN SEE.
31. Tented camp.
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33. Living quarters for German workers on the railway spur line.
34. Railway workers quarters in the village of GRUNEWALD.

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